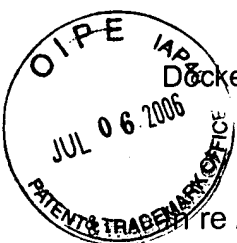


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

Theelen et al.

Serial No.: 10/780,987

Group Art Unit: 1713

Filed: February 18, 2004

Examiner: Robert D. Harlan

For: AROMATIC-ACRYLATE TACKIFIER RESINS

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2006 in the form of a Restriction Requirement.

In the Office Action, the claims of the present application were grouped into two groups under the restriction requirement, Group I being claims 1-48 and 62-67; Group II being claims 49-61. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction, on the basis that examination of the claims would not be a serious burden, as provided in Section 803 of the M. P. E. P. However, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I for examination, reserving the right to file a divisional application should the restriction requirement be made final.

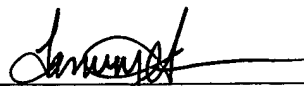
In the Office Action, the Examiner also requires a species election. Applicants respectfully traverse the species restriction, on the basis that examination of the claims would not be a serious burden. However, Applicants elect styrene as the aromatic monomer and 2-ethylhexyl acrylate and acrylic acid as the acrylate monomers should the species restriction be made final.

Applicants also file, concurrently herewith, a Petition for a 3 Month Extension of Time under CFR 1.136(a). The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee required for such an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 05-0221.

Applicants believe the application to be in proper form for examination. Examination on the merits is therefore respectfully requested.

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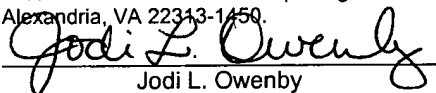
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